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## 1931 SIERRA CLUB OUTING

The outing this coming summer will be for the first two weeks in the northern part of Yosemite National Park (July 10th to 24th) and the second two weeks in the southeastern portion of the park and the Mount Ritter region (July 24th to August 7th). Francis Tappaan will manage the outing again. Members of the club who contemplate participating in the outing will render great assistance to the management by signifying their intentions as far in advance as possible. Applications should be addressed to the Sierra Club Outing Committee, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco. The outing announcement will be issued in the comparatively near future.

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER 6, 1930

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club Rooms, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco, California, Saturday morning, December 6, 1930, at 10 o'clock. Present: Directors Badè, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, LeConte, McDuffie, Parsons, Price, Treat, Wright. Absent: Directors Adair, Bernays, Rowell, Tappaan. Peter J. Van Oosting and Louis N. Rice, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were also present. President McDuffie called the meeting to order. It was voted that the absent directors be excused. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on May 3, 1930, were approved.

Report was made of the reorganization of the National Parks Association at Washington, D. C. This association has secured the coöperation of other organizations which have chosen representatives on its newly reorganized council, and the Sierra Club has been invited through Dr. Merriam to select a representative. Mr. McDuffie was elected to represent the Sierra Club as member of the National Parks Association council.

The Soda Springs property in Tuolumne Meadows was again discussed. It was voted that this problem be referred to the executive committee for special study, a progress report to be made at the May meeting.

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be sent Mr. Elliott McAllister for having assigned to the Sierra Club his Soda Springs property certificate.

It was voted that \$100 from the treasury be appropriated to the Harwood Memorial Lodge fund, contingent upon a life membership being paid for in cash, in consideration of the assignment of a Soda Springs property certificate to the Sierra Club by Mr. Rodney L. Glisan; and that a letter of thanks be sent Mr. Glisan.

A letter from Mrs. Sophia Braun was read calling the attention of the Sierra Club to the defacement of hills and mountains by students in displaying their school letters. It was resolved that the Sierra Club express its sympathy with the movement to discourage the marring of the landscape by symbols advertising schools, towns, or other organizations.

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, president of Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, and president of the National Parks Association, was elected a life member of the Sierra Club in recognition of his work in behalf of the national parks.

A letter from the California Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty was read requesting assistance in financing a survey of road conditions in California as a means of advancing the work

of the organization. It was voted that a letter be written the Council stating that the Sierra Club is in sympathy with this work, but that it is working along similar lines and has need for all the money that is available to it for such purposes; that in recognition of the value of the work the Council is doing, a statement be published in the Sierra Club Bulletin giving information concerning the Council so that any members of the Sierra Club who desire may aid in this worthy cause by making contributions direct to the Council.

Mr. Colby reported the completion of the John Muir Memorial Rest Hut built through the generosity of Mr. G. Frederick Schwarz. During the 1930 outing a site was chosen right on Muir Pass which, it is believed, will be kept comparatively clear of snow in winter by the winds blowing across the pass. Supervisor Benedict of the U. S. Forest Service, in coöperation with Mr. Walter L. Huber who devoted a great deal of time to the matter, arranged for the construction to be begun and, before the end of the season, the small stone building was erected. The cost of construction exceeded the original contribution for the purpose, but Mr. Schwarz is generously assisting with the balance.

It was unanimously voted that an expression of appreciation be sent Mr. Schwarz for having made possible the erection of this most appropriate memorial to John Muir.

A vote of thanks was also extended to Mr. Huber for the valuable assistance rendered by him in connection with the construction of the Muir Rest Hut.

Report was made by Mr. Huber on the progress of the negotiations to purchase the property on Mount Shasta on which the Shasta Alpine Lodge is situated. The title company found that it would be necessary to conduct certain formal legal proceedings in order to insure a clear title, and the owner of the property agreed to pay the costs of these proceedings. Accordingly, part of the purchase price was paid to the owner of the property, and a deed conveying title to the Sierra Club was accepted and recorded. Meanwhile the title proceedings are being conducted, at the close of which and after payment of the costs, the remaining balance of the purchase price will be paid to the former owner.\*

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Huber for his valuable services in working out this arrangement in connection with the purchase of the Shasta Lodge property.

Mr. Farquhar reported that he had attended the dedicatory services of the Aurelia Harwood Memorial Lodge on November 16th; that the lodge is a remarkably fine piece of work, showing unusual ability, diligence, and good taste in its accomplishment—a first class building which should stand for many years and of which the Sierra Club may well be proud; that great credit is due Peter J. Van Oosting, chairman of the Southern California Chapter and chairman of the building committee, who devoted many hours of hard work supervising the construction of the building; that the lodge is well located among beautiful pine trees; that the dedication services were carried out in a delightful spirit—altogether a fitting memorial to our late beloved president, Aurelia S. Harwood.

A vote of thanks on behalf of the Sierra Club was extended Mr. Van Oosting for the many unselfish days of very fine work and supervision that he gave to the Harwood Memorial Lodge.

Mr. Van Oosting and Mr. Rice gave brief reports as to the activities of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively.

The executive committee was authorized to give the support of the Sierra Club to the matter of extending the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, should a bill for this purpose be introduced in Congress.

Suggestion was made that the Sierra Club issue a printed list of its members, and the matter was referred to the executive committee for action or report at the May meeting.

Mr. Huber reported on recent progress made toward completion of the John Muir Trail.

Mr. Farquhar reported that although material for the February Sierra Club Bulletin was slow in coming in, enough articles had been received during the last few days to assure an interesting number, an article on the use of the rope in mountain climbing being of special interest.

A vote of congratulations was extended to Mr. Oberholzer in connection with the prevention of the carrying out of a project to flood a certain area adjacent to the headwaters of the Mississippi River near the United States-Canada boundary.

In accordance with authorization granted the executive committee at the meeting of the Board on May 4, 1929, Joseph LeConte's *Journal of Ramblings through the High Sierra of California* has

\*NOTE: The above mentioned legal proceedings have since been completed and a title insurance policy received from the title company, showing title to the Mount Shasta property to be vested in the Sierra Club.

been republished under the direction of Mr. Farquhar, the printing being done by Taylor & Taylor, printers of the Sierra Club Bulletin. The first copies of the edition were delivered during the meeting. The Board expressed its obligation to Mr. Farquhar for his work in getting the book out. It was voted that ten copies be given to Mr. Farquhar and ten copies to Mr. J. N. LeConte.

The following were appointed to act as the nominating committee to select names to be placed on the ballot at the coming election of directors of the Sierra Club: C. Nelson Hackett, chairman; E. A. Mayers, Dr. L. B. Taber, Mrs. Geo. C. Thompson, Mark H. White; alternates: Ethelinda M. James, John J. Mazza.

The following were appointed judges of election to act in the counting of the ballots at the next regular election of directors: Mrs. E. A. Abeel, Mrs. Orwell Logan, Alice L. Meussdorffer, Mrs. James A. Morgan, Mrs. A. E. Neuenburg, Ada A. Smith, Mrs. Oliver G. Tubby, Juanita E. York, Elsie M. Zeile.

A proposal to print a brief statement regarding the nominees for directors was referred to the executive committee for consideration, with power to act.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, Secretary.

## RECENT SIERRA CLUB PUBLICATION

Copies of Joseph LeConte's *Ramblings through the High Sierra*, publication of which was announced in the October Bulletin, were received from the printers about the middle of December. A circular of announcement sent out to the members of the club has already brought a very gratifying response. The book has been favorably commented upon both because of its interesting contents and because of its remarkably attractive appearance. It is the sort of book that every member of the club should have in his or her library for it embodies so much of the spirit which went into the founding of the Sierra Club. Copies may be obtained by ordering through the club office, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco, or by calling there, or by ordering through local dealers.

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November 6, 1930.

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## PRESERVATION OF ROADSIDE BEAUTY

The California Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty is endeavoring to raise funds for the purpose of financing a survey of road conditions in California as a means of advancing the work of the organization. Sierra Club members can aid in this worthy cause by sending contributions direct to California Council for Protection of Roadside Beauty, 3311 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, California.

## ANNUAL DINNER

The annual reunion dinner and dance was again held at The Women's City Club of San Francisco the evening of December 6, 1930, and was attended by approximately 265 members of the club and their friends. The dining-room and tables were very attractively decorated, under direction of Mrs. Walter L. Huber, with candles, pine cones and sprays of evergreen, the latter having been brought by Ranger Parkes from Sequoia National Park through the kindness of Col.

John R. White. Col. C. G. Thomson sent from Yosemite scales of yellow pine trees, which were used for place cards. Arrangements for the dinner and dance were made by Mr. William T. Goldborough and Mrs. Huber. Mr. Duncan McDuffie, president of the club, presided, and interesting talks were given by Mr. Dawson, Mr. Farquhar, Bishop Parsons, and Mr. Colby. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. This was one of the most enjoyable annual reunions the club has ever had.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER NOTES

At the organization meeting of the executive committee of the chapter, held in November, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Louis N. Rice, chairman; Lewis F. Clark, vice-chairman; Anne Pentland, secretary; Charlotte Weatherill, treasurer. The newly appointed chairmen of the standing committees are: membership, Leo Fast; trails, Lewis Clerk; entertainment, J. P. Ferry; educational, Louis Rice. The new members of the executive committee, recently elected to serve for the usual two-year term, are Anne Pentland, J. P. Ferry, Lewis Clark.

At a special dinner meeting of the chapter, held at the Bellevue Hotel November 13th, club members and friends listened to a highly interesting talk by Mr. L. A. Nelson, president of The Mazamas of Portland. The address covered the high lights of last summer's outing on Mount Rainier of The Mountaineers of Seattle, during which trip Mr. Nelson officiated as outing leader. Four reels of motion pictures, taken on the trip, illustrated the remarks of the speaker. They showed the activities of the hikers under the varying conditions encountered on Mount Rainier. There were views of camp life, pleasant streams and meadows, climbing over ice and rock, treacherous crevasses, miles of glaciers and acres of wild flowers for which Rainier is famous. One section of film showed the Mountaineers coming out of the blizzard which unfortunately turned them back before reaching the summit. All of the Sierra Club members who saw these pictures realized that they had the privilege of viewing an unusually good film of climbing and mountaineering. We are much indebted to Mr. Nelson and to the Mountaineers. Preceding the talk, Mr. Nelson was introduced by Mr. Walter L. Huber, who hiked with the Mountaineers during this outing. At the same meeting Mr. Francis P. Farquhar briefly described the dedication of the Aurelia Harwood Memorial Lodge, just completed by the Southern California Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The first weekly dinner meeting of the chapter under the new schedule (at the Bellevue Hotel, November 4th) was held especially for leaders and new members, although open to all. Mr. Walter L. Huber was the speaker of the evening and gave an interesting and comprehensive talk on the construction of the John Muir Trail. The guiding influence of the Sierra Club was stressed and other factors mentioned. Mr. Huber also touched lightly on other Sierra trail interests of the club in connection with the work of the U. S. Park and Forest services.

The officers of the chapter have in preparation a program of dinner-talks, to be given once every month or two, on Tuesday evenings at the Bellevue Hotel. These informal addresses will largely cover past and present activities of the club as related to exploration, construction of trails in the Sierra, formation and extension of national and state parks, geology of the Sierra, early club outings and leaders. Whenever possible the talks will be illustrated by pictures. It is hoped that many of these talks will be given by those who are leaders in the activities of the club and so far several of the directors have signified their willingness to speak on one of these topics.

### STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, OF SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN, published bi-monthly at San Francisco, California, for October 1, 1930.

State of California,  
City and County of San Francisco.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the business manager of the Sierra Club Bulletin, and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Sierra Club, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 114 Sansome St., San Francisco; Managing Editor, None; Business Manager, Virginia Ferguson, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco.

2. That the owner is: Sierra Club (a corporation), 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; No stockholders; Officers: Duncan McDuffie, president; William E. Colby, secretary; J. N. LeConte, treasurer.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON,

Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of September, 1930.

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MARIE FORMAN, Notary Public.  
(My commission expires Jan. 9, 1933.)

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